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REMARKS

The Examiner has requested restriction in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121, on the basis that the application contains three patentably distinct invention of the present application, namely the invention I of claims 1-25, invention II of claims 26-32 and invention III of claims 33-35; as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.

The applicant, without traverse and without prejudice to its right to file divisional applications to non-elected subject matter, hereby elects the subject matter of the invention I of claims 1-25, drawn to an order merging system comprising accumulating conveyors.

Favorable consideration of the present application in light of the foregoing remarks is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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